

RESOLUTION ON NIGERIA

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 6 to 10 September 1969,

Having carefully considered the progress report of the OAU Consultative Committee on Nigeria for the period from September 1968 to August 1969,

Considering the vital importance of concerted and unanimous action by African Governments within the OAU for a happy solution of the Nigerian civil war,

Deeply concerned at the continuance of the civil war in Nigeria and of the grave consequences resulting therefrom for Nigeria and for Africa,

Aware of its responsibilities towards Africa and the world;

Determined to help settle the civil war in Nigeria by peaceful means and in accordance with the basic principles of the OAU Charter,

1. NOTES with satisfaction the progress report of the OAU Consultative Committee on Nigeria covering the past year;
2. CONGRATULATES the Consultative Committee on the efforts it has exerted and again expresses its full confidence in the Committee's ability to carry out the important mission entrusted to it, within the shortest possible time;
3. APPEALS solemnly and urgently to the two parties involved in the civil war to agree to preserve in the overriding interest of Africa, the unity of Nigeria and accept immediately suspension of hostilities and the opening without delay, of negotiations intended to preserve unity of Nigeria and restore reconciliation and peace that will ensure for the population every form of security and every guarantee of equal rights, prerogatives and obligations;

- 4. INVITES the Consultative Committee on Nigeria to offer its good offices to facilitate these negotiations;**
- 5. MAKES a solemn and urgent appeal to all Governments, International Organizations, humanitarian institutions as well as to all political, moral and religious bodies in the world to facilitate the implementation of the present resolution and to desist from any action, gesture and attitude likely to jeopardize the efforts of the OAU in finding an African solution to the Nigerian crisis.**

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